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truckers would have to be paid \$19,694 a year.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, why is not a...

SENATOR MATZKE: So there are businesses that would fit into these smaller counties, if we gave them the incentive.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So the only thing stopping these trucking companies from operating out of Arthur County is that they're not getting these tax breaks. That's your theory?

SENATOR MATZKE: I don't think it is the tax break. I think the tax break is something that will stimulate these smaller communities to start thinking about what they can do in that community, and then they've got something they can sell to investors or to businessmen who might want to come in and start there.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Matzke.

SENATOR MATZKE: I think what we're doing is...is stimulating an idea.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, thank you. I hope Senator Schimek and others are listening, because it's one thing when you talk about these abstract figures and another when you talk about an actual county that you supposedly are trying to rescue, and then you hear the theory on which that county's help is to be based. I don't believe a trucking company is going to come to Arthur and have four employees. A trucking company is going to move to Arthur with four employees so that they can get a break on...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...their corporate income tax. If Arthur is such an attractive depot or hub from which trucks will go, wherever they're going to go, why is no company working out of Arthur now? They're not restricted to paying only \$12,000 a year, and they're going to look at something other than merely a break on income tax, corporate income taxes to determine whether they're going to operate out of Arthur. Arthur is not going to get anything out of this bill. The only thing that might come